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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Inventor:	J. Reinschke)	Group Art Unit:	4135
Serial No.:	10/574,723)	Examiner:	S. M. Jennings
Filed:	April 06, 2006)	Confirmation No.:	1912
Title	METHOD AND CONTROL DEVICE FOR OPERATING A MILL TRAIN FOR METAL STRIP			

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

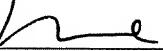
As set forth in the Office Action mailed September 30, 2008, the Examiner asserts that claims 15-29 (Group I) and claims 30-33 (Group II) are drawn to patentably distinct subject matter. The Examiner therefore requires Applicant to elect for examination the claims of Group I or the claims of Group II. In response, Applicant elects, without traverse, to prosecute for examination purposes, the invention identified in Group I, claims 15-29.

Conclusion

The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including fees for additional claims and terminal disclaimer fee, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

Respectfully submitted,

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